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APPLICANT(S): Wham, et al.

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FOR : VESSEL SEALING SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

The Office Action mailed November 17, 2005, requires restriction to one of the following inventions: Group I, Claims 1-18, drawn to a method of sealing tissue, classified in class 128, subclass 898, and Group II, Claims 19-27, drawn to an electrosurgical system, classified in class 606, subclass 041. Please amend the application as follows.

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